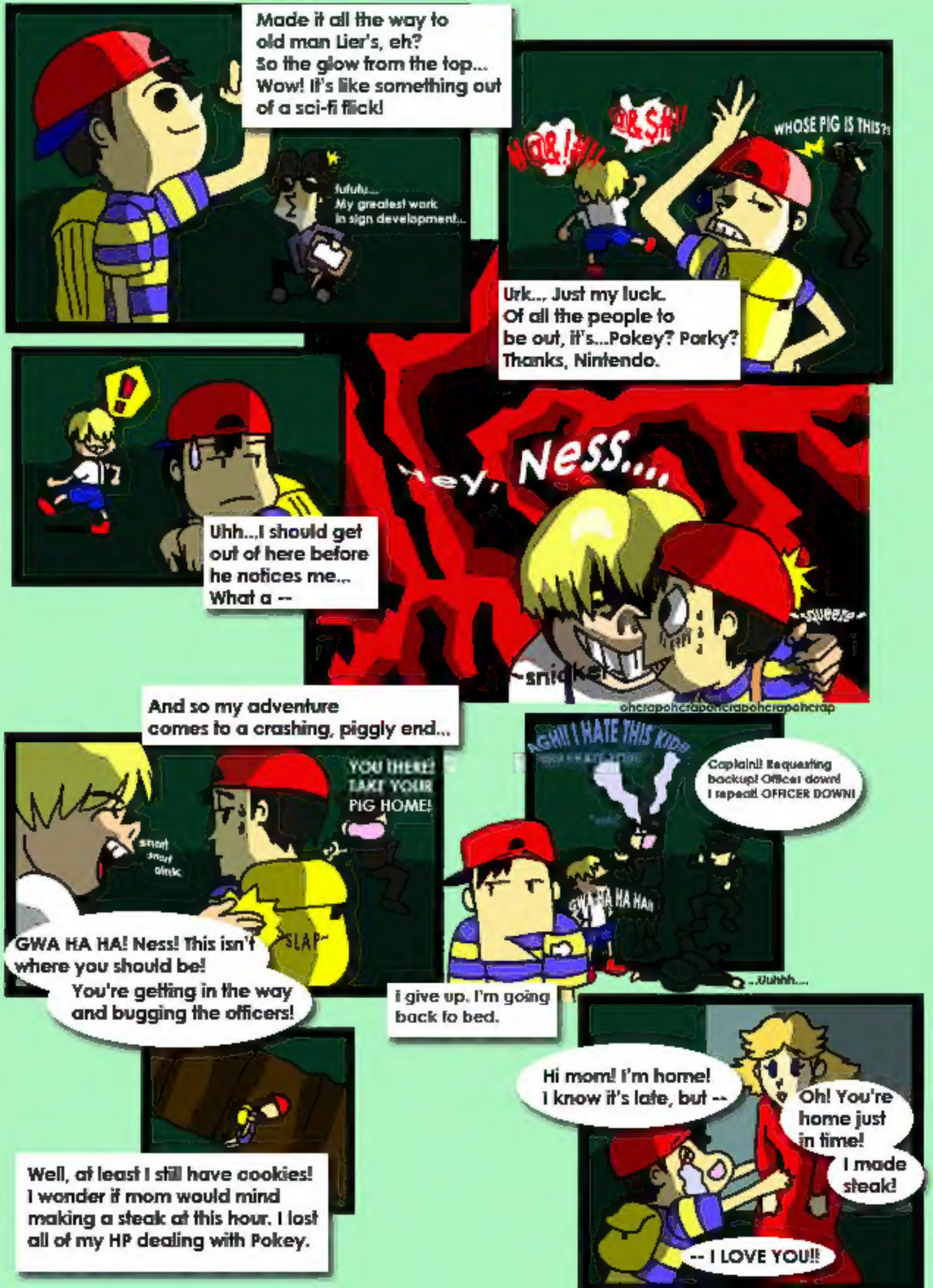
the
Chosen Four
-Prologue-
The Chosen Boy Awakens

One fateful day...
An incident occured that would change everything...
The story of a young boy...
and his journey to save the world...
begins...
My first kiss...
BOING
Ahhh...
So this is love!
BOING
Whaaa!!!
Nooo! STAY AWAY!!
CRASH
Whew! Just a nightmare. That creature was--
...Huh? What was that?

WOOWOOWOOWOOWOOWOO
WOOWOOWOOWOOWOOWOO
Why are the police here?
I better be careful...
creak
Careful now, Ness...
It could be those lousy Sharks
looking to steal some loose change!
Countless quarters are at great risk!!
munch
munch
Tracy's room?!
Don't worry sis,
your brother is here
to save the day!
I approached the door slowly...
Who knows what danger lurks
behind it?!
This is kind of exciting! I feel like...
MUNCH
MUNCH
...An idiot.
So much for my great --
COOKIES!
~drool~
munch
munch

Tracy! What are you still doing up??
...and can I have some cookies?
I couldn't sleep because of the noise!
Looks more like you couldn't sleep because of the cookies...
Just make sure you go to bed soon, okay?
cookies...
NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM
So tired... I may as well see what's going on.
"yawn"
...Is that all you're worried about...?
Ness! Going out?? Make sure you put on clean underwear!
Mom's right, though. I should change first.
...Since Tracy has my bat I can take a few cookies with me, too...
You should take King as well! He could use a walk...a bath, too!
Don't even think about it, buddy.

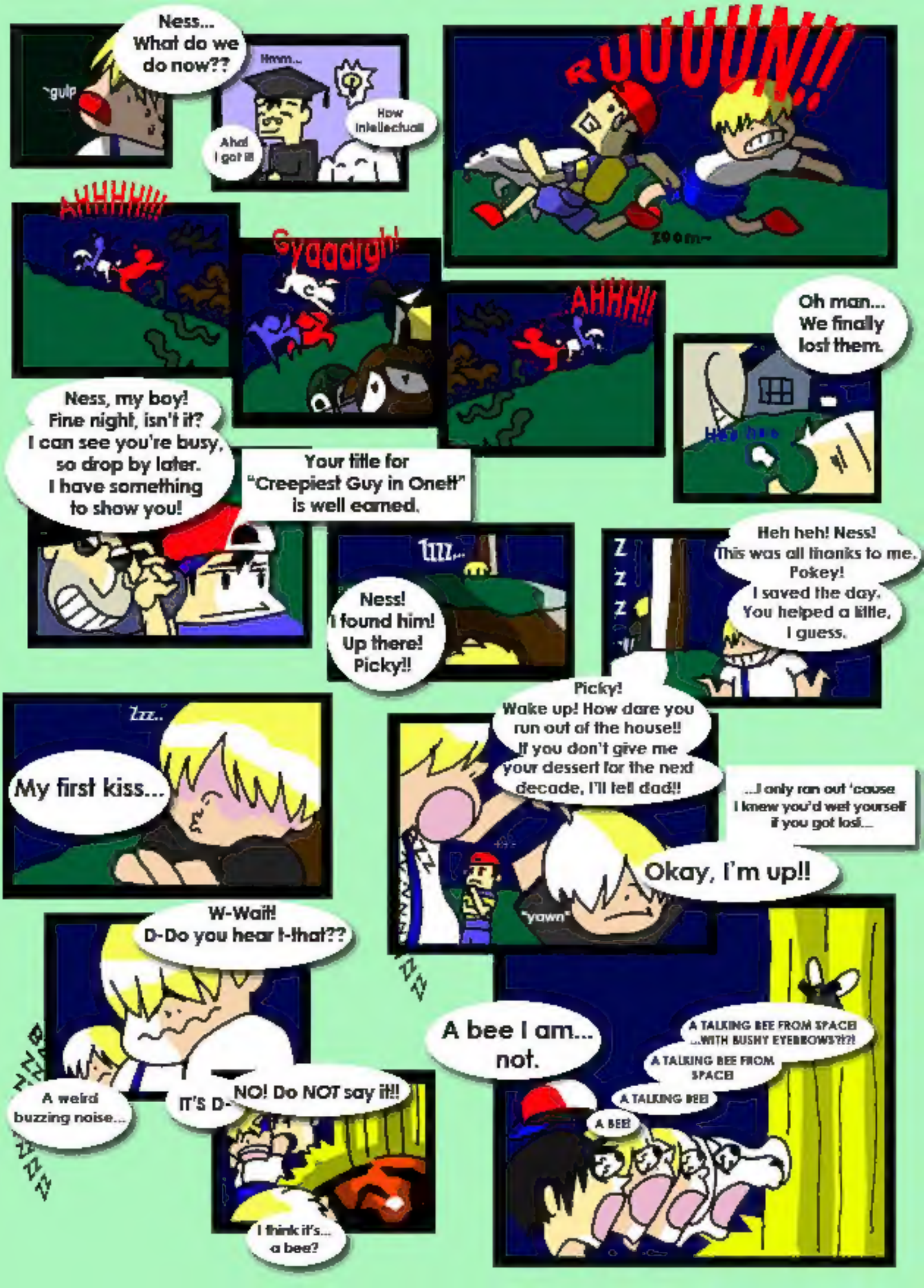
Heh..
twist
Oh boy, I hope I run into a space bug of some sort!
Hmm...Coming from the top of the hill, huh?
Heh heh! Guess I'll have to do a little exploring, then.
If the police have only gotten this far, the hill shouldn't be blocked off just yet!
hum dee dum... blockin' time, baby!


Made it all the way to old man Lier's, eh? So the glow from the top... Wow! It's like something out of a sci-fi flick!
fufufu... My greatest work in sign development...
WHOSE PIG IS THIS?!
Urk... Just my luck. Of all the people to be out, it's...Pokey? Porky? Thanks, Nintendo.
Uhh...I should get out of here before he notices me... What a --
Hey, Ness...
-sniqker-
-squeeze-
ohcrapohcrapohcrapohcrapohcrapohcrap
And so my adventure comes to a crashing, piggly end...
YOU THERE! TAKE YOUR PIG HOME!
snort snort oink
-SLAP-
GWA HA HA! Ness! This isn't where you should be!
You're getting in the way and bugging the officers!
AGH! I HATE THIS KID!
Captain!! Requesting backup! Officer down! I repeat! OFFICER DOWN!
GWA HA HA HA!
...Uuhhh...
I give up. I'm going back to bed.
Well, at least I still have cookies! I wonder if mom would mind making a steak at this hour. I lost all of my HP dealing with Pokey.
Hi mom! I'm home! I know it's late, but --
Oh! You're home just in time!
I made steak!
-- I LOVE YOU!!

STEAK! STEAK!!
It smells heavenly!
Dig in, nostrils!
sniff
sniff
Oh my! Who could be knocking at this time of night?
I think I'm going to cry...
King... No words...
Let's just sit here...
and savor this moment...
So beautiful...
I almost can't bring myself to eat it!
Oh! Pokey! Ness is in the dining room!
sob
hmmmhmmhmm...
OH! OH!
YOU DIDN'T!!!
YOU REALLY DIDN'T!!!
HE REALLY DIDN'T!!!
NO WAY!!
~CHOMP
Oh, thanks Ness!
I hate steak, but I was pretty hungry!
Not bad, I guess...
Still kinda hungry...
Where's your dessert?
pick
pick
We'll say it was an accident. He fell down the hill on his own.
GWA HA HA HA!
We'll get Lier to help bury him after we're done.
No one will ever be able to find the body.
GET HIM, KING!
ATTACK!
ATTACK!!
YEAAAH!!!
Oh my! You boys are so lively!
IT'S BACON!!!
~bite
AH! I remember now!!
PICKY! I can't find Picky!!
Ness!
I, Pokey, am here to recruit you.
Help me find Picky!
You cannot refuse my offer.
I, Pokey, will now accompany you EVERYWHERE until we get Picky back!

DUH DUH DUH DUH DUUUUUHHHH
That's all, folks!
oink
oink
Pokey joins the party!
Where's that music coming from...?
King joins the party!
...
Ness -- ....nevermind
Carry me, foul beast! Protect me from Dracula!
GURK! CAN'T...MOVE...
Almighty Dracula... If you're there, strike him down now!
Pokey may be onto something, though. Something just feels...wrong. I don't want to think someone would be watching us, but...
Hmmm.....
rustle rustle
Your dog collapsed, so I'll hold onto your bag and let you drag me along. This is a great honor, you understand.
I think it's time to put another crack in my bat.
-GLARE-
NESS! IT'S DRACULA!!!
shake
HSSSSS!!
It's NOT Dracula!
shake

HSSS!!!
NESS!!
NESS!!
The life of I, Pokey is the most important!! Protect me first!
chomp
Hmhmhmhm...
Just in time. The hero always arrives late!
...maybe I can get my own sequel...
Good boy, king! You're like some kind of action hero!
Oh, well... it was nothing really...
You saved me from Dracula, beast. They will write about you in history books.
THAT WASN'T DRACULA! It was GREEN!
Oi! Gimme all yer food! Pronto, ya see? Don't make me wait!
That's right, boys. Work him over. The fat ones always have the best snacks!
Dracula could've bitten someone who was sick!
N-Ness...
H-Help...
Stick 'em up! Make any funny moves and it'll be curtains for ya, chubs!
I knew something was wrong! We're completely surrounded! Why are there so many wild animals around here??
Hee hee... I shouldn't bother Ness right now. Pokey will just have to wait!
C'mere!!!


Ness... What do we do now??
~gulp
Hmm...
How intellectual!
Aha! I got it!
RUUUUN!!!
zoom~
AHHHH!!!
Gyaaargh!
AHHH!!
Oh man... We finally lost them.
Ness, my boy! Fine night, isn't it? I can see you're busy, so drop by later. I have something to show you!
Your title for "Creepiest Guy in Onett" is well earned.
Hm...
Ness! I found him! Up there! Picky!!
Z z z
Heh heh! Ness! This was all thanks to me. Pokey! I saved the day. You helped a little, I guess.
Hm..
My first kiss...
Picky! Wake up! How dare you run out of the house!! If you don't give me your dessert for the next decade, I'll tell dad!!
...I only ran out 'cause I knew you'd wet yourself if you got lost...
"yawn"
Okay, I'm up!!
W-Wait! D-Do you hear I-that??
A weird buzzing noise...
IT'S D-
NO! Do NOT say it!!
I think it's... a bee?
A bee I am... not.
A TALKING BEE FROM SPACE! ...WITH BUSHY EYEBROWS?!?!
A TALKING BEE FROM SPACE!
A TALKING BEE!
A BEE!

I come from ten years in the future. At that time, all is devastation. An entity named Giygas brought eternal darkness to the world.

However! From my land, there is an ancient legend of three boys and a girl who defeat Giygas. I believe you to be one of these boys, Ness.

Strange... I should be flipping out right about now, but somehow I'm not that surprised. As odd as it sounds, this bee isn't lying.

Umm.. I forgot part of my speech.. There should be something about a shattered rock in here. Let me check my index cards..

Awoooof.. No room for dogs in this "chosen one" club, huh? I see how it is...

Oh, no! You can help, too. You just have to be prepared to battle a nightmareish being so horrifying that he'll probably crush your mind and soul, and that's if you're lucky!

Yeaaaah.... ...I think I left the water running. Ness, please come back! I don't want to invest in a new boy!

ZOOM

blink blink

Ness! Did he say three boys? I'm not into being a hero! I refuse to go. The world can save itself!

Are you kidding?? If you're one of the chosen I'll dress Tracy up like a boy and give her your spot out of fear for the PLANET, let alone the future!!

I should've mentioned the part about wisdom, courage, and friendship being extremely important..

Ok. You're ten years too early to have me in your party, shorty

Buzz Buzz joins the party!

Who the heck is this?! Get out of my intro box!!

Ness, I know this may be hard to accept but you are the only one. This is your fate, something only you can do

Something only I can do, huh.

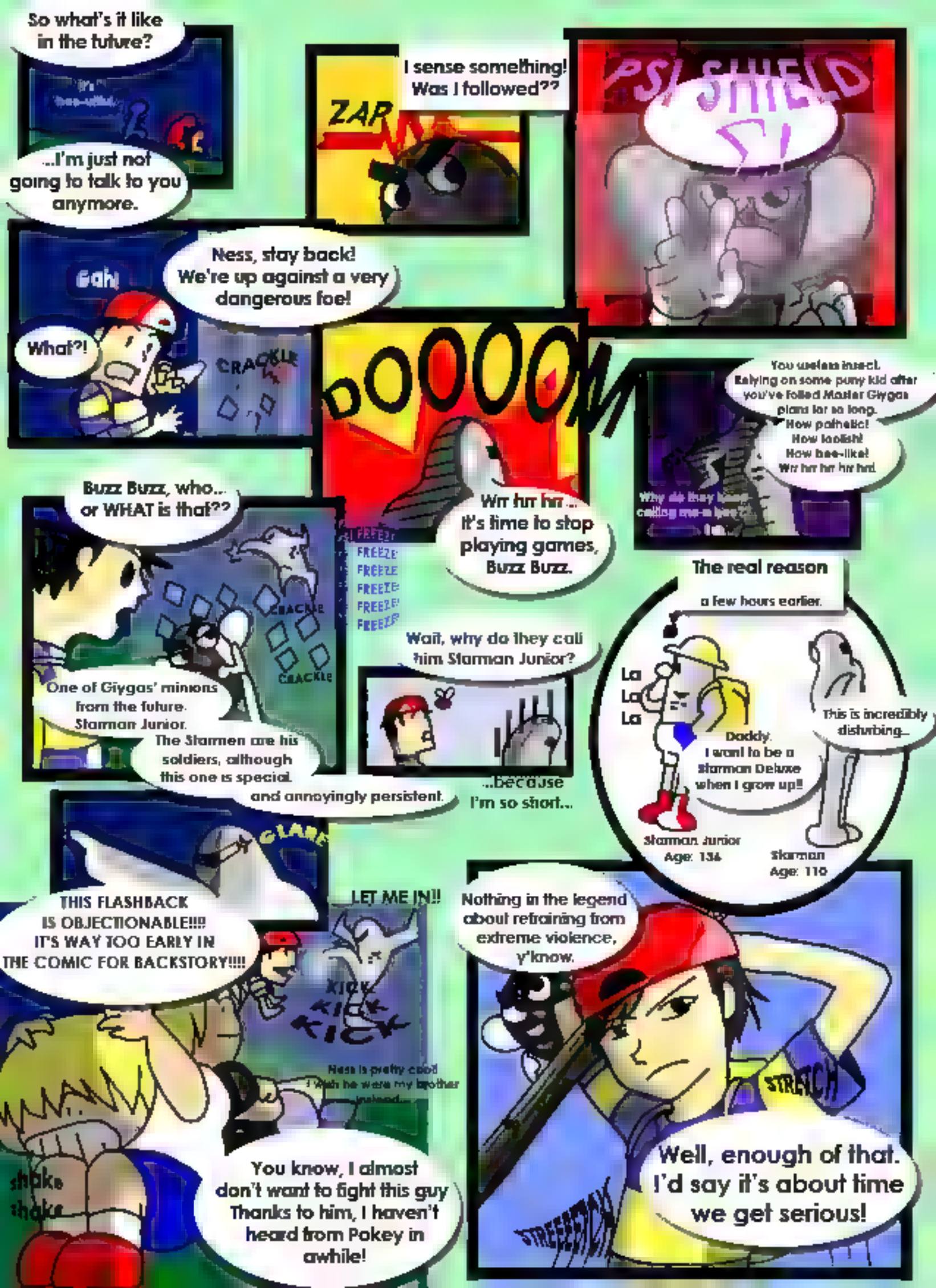
I guess it could be fun if I don't get horribly mangled.

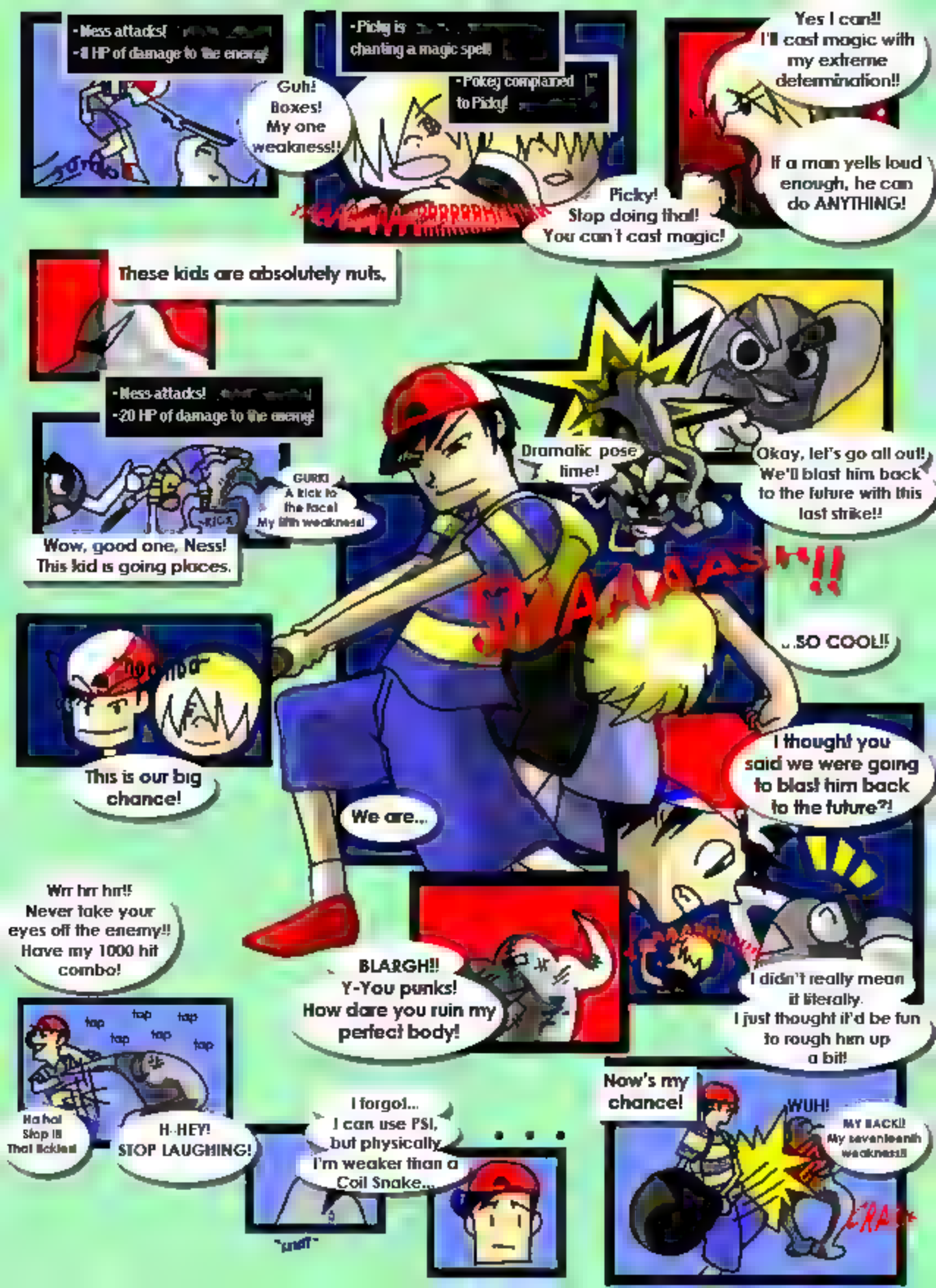
Ness. That was entirely too corny

Pokey! Hu

ALRIGHT! I'll do it! This is the adventure I was looking for! I will save the world with my... BURNING WILL!

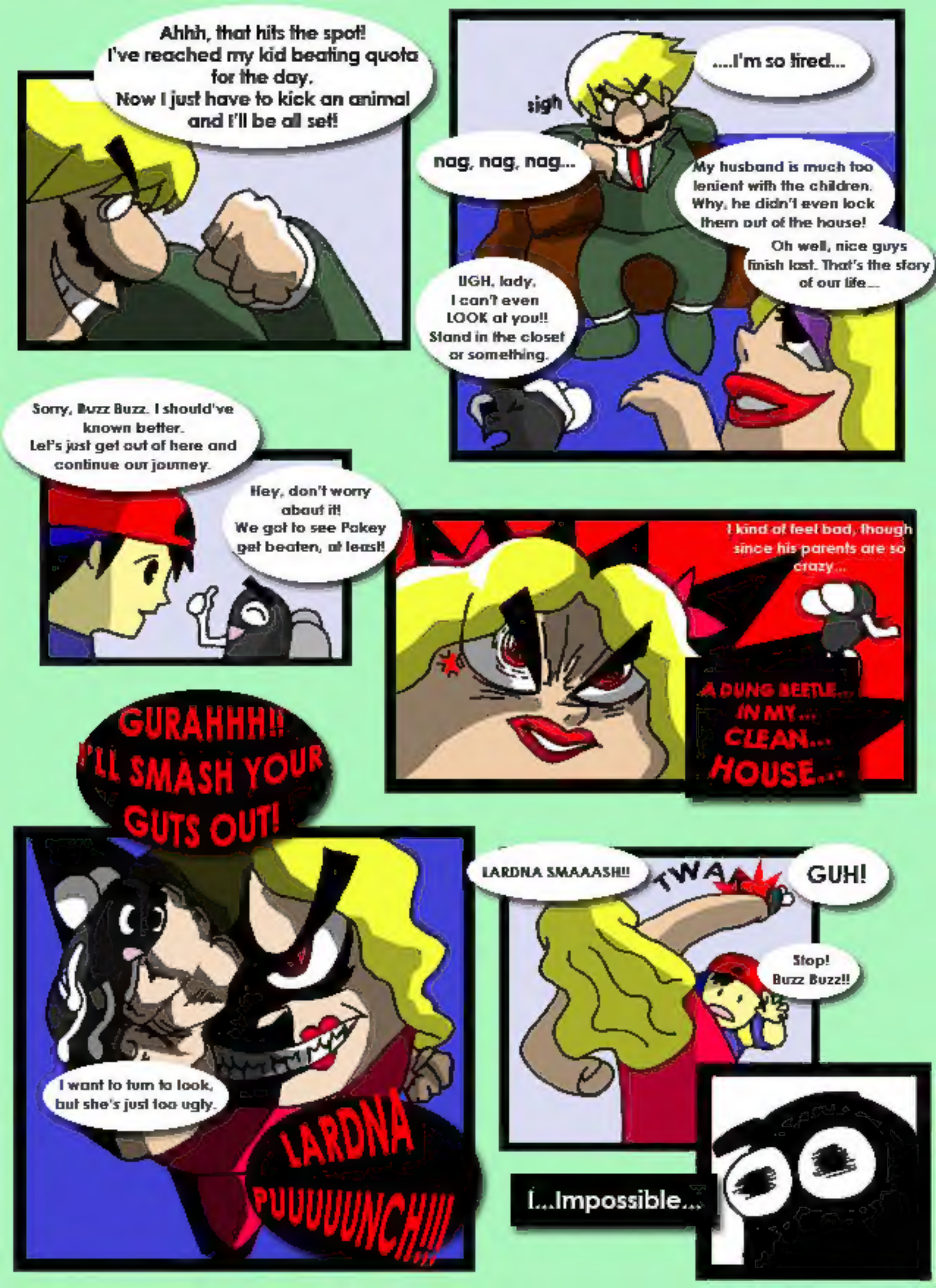
Sometimes I wonder which of us is the older brother...


So what's it like in the future?
...I'm just not going to talk to you anymore.
ZAP
I sense something! Was I followed??
PSI SHIELD
Gah!
Ness, stay back! We're up against a very dangerous foe!
What?!
CRACKLE
BOOOOM
Wrr hrr hrr... It's time to stop playing games, Buzz Buzz.
You useless insect. Relying on some puny kid after you've foiled Master Giygas' plans for so long. How pathetic! How foolish! How bee-like! Wrr hrr hrr hrr hrr.
Buzz Buzz, who... or WHAT is that??
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
One of Giygas' minions from the future. Starman Junior.
The Starmen are his soldiers, although this one is special. and annoyingly persistent.
FREEZE!
FREEZE!
FREEZE!
FREEZE!
FREEZE!
Wait, why do they call him Starman Junior?
...because I'm so short...
The real reason
a few hours earlier.
La La La
Daddy. I want to be a Starman Deluxe when I grow up!!
This is incredibly disturbing...
Starman Junior Age: 134
Starman Age: 110
GLARE
THIS FLASHBACK IS OBJECTIONABLE!!!! IT'S WAY TOO EARLY IN THE COMIC FOR BACKSTORY!!!!
LET ME IN!!
KICK KICK KICK
Ness is pretty cool I wish he were my brother instead...
shake shake
You know, I almost don't want to fight this guy Thanks to him, I haven't heard from Pokey in awhile!
Nothing in the legend about refraining from extreme violence, y'know.
STRETCH
STREEEETCH
Well, enough of that. I'd say it's about time we get serious!


-Ness attacks!
-8 HP of damage to the enemy!
Guh! Boxes! My one weakness!!
-Picky is chanting a magic spell!
-Pokey complained to Picky!
Yes I can!! I'll cast magic with my extreme determination!!
If a man yells loud enough, he can do ANYTHING!
Picky! Stop doing that! You can't cast magic!
These kids are absolutely nuts.
-Ness attacks!
-20 HP of damage to the enemy!
GURK! A kick to the face! My fifth weakness!
Wow, good one, Ness! This kid is going places.
Dramatic pose time!
Okay, let's go all out! We'll blast him back to the future with this last strike!!
..SO COOL!!
This is our big chance!
We are...
I thought you said we were going to blast him back to the future?!
Wrr hrr hrr!! Never take your eyes off the enemy!! Have my 1000 hit combo!
BLARGH!! Y-You punks! How dare you ruin my perfect body!
I didn't really mean it literally. I just thought it'd be fun to rough him up a bit!
tap tap tap tap tap tap
Ha ha! Stop it! That tickles!
H-HEY! STOP LAUGHING!
I forgot... I can use PSI, but physically I'm weaker than a Coil Snake...
"sniff"
Now's my chance!
WUH!
MY BACK!! My seventeenth weakness!!

Y-You've done well. I give up... I've been defeated.
Suddenly, I feel the need to tell you my life story
I was a joyful, innocent young Starman.
My golden locks
and big, shiny eyes
always had me standing out among my peers.
My father was a kind man. He always cared deeply for me and raised me with love.
Son... You will one day grow up to be a man. A STARman.
Come back! Son! ...or, I mean, DAUGHTER! ...No, wait, son!!
However, all was not well. I ran away from home not long after.
For you see, I realized one day that father never really knew what my gender was.
He just called me son so I wouldn't feel bad!
A few years later I fell in with the wrong crowd. We cared for nothing but our hair. I bought some kickin' shades and took up smoking.
I was going to rebel against the world. And rebel HARD!
Some time had passed and I eventually returned home.
Hi pops..
I knocked on the door expecting my father to just ignore me. I would accept it if he hated me.
He just stared back. He didn't yell. He didn't shut the door. Instead, he smiled and greeted me as if I had never left.
Welcome home ...son.
Utterly speechless
From that day on, my eyes sparkled more brightly than they ever had.
THANKS TO THAT, I WILL NEVER GIVE UP!! I WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!!
My desires are like the rising dawn.
Hopeful.
Bringing light to a new day.
A poem...by Starman Junior.
C'mon! Can we end this already? He's been talking for two hours!
blah blah blah
Can't hold it.
SNIFF
Now having heard my tragic past, could you find it in your heart to defeat me??
The Starman Junior was defeated!
THAT WAS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME!

With the Starman Junior vanquished, we continued on home. The sun was slowly coming up and I'd finally be able to ditch Pokey. It had been awhile since anything this interesting happened to me, and I was glad to at least meet Buzz Buzz. Who would have thought that such a strong being would want to rely on me?
Ness! Come inside with us. I will give you the pleasure of telling my parents all about how I saved the world when they get home!
Let's go, then! I could use a snack, myself. Time travel is a lot of work!
Pokey's house usually has some great snacks. I guess it can't hurt
WELL WELL... I HOPE YOU BOYS HAD A GOOD TIME CAUSE YOU'RE NEVER LEAVING YOUR ROOM AGAIN!
C'man, dad! I saved the world!! It was all Ness' fault! Picky's, too!!
What's that?! You giving me lip, boy?! Both of you are really going to get it now!
GRRRR
SQUEEZE
Waaaahhh!! Ness, quick! Come stand in the way of my dad's smacks!!
How did I not guess something would happen? Oh well, at lea
~Shudder
GIYGAS?!?!
Oh no... Buzz Buzz, whatever you do, do NOT turn around...
Why Ness? What kind of horrifying creation could possibly be lurking behind


Ahhh, that hits the spot!
I've reached my kid beating quota for the day.
Now I just have to kick an animal and I'll be all set!
sigh
....I'm so tired...
nag, nag, nag...
My husband is much too lenient with the children. Why, he didn't even lock them out of the house!
Oh well, nice guys finish last. That's the story of our life...
UGH, lady, I can't even LOOK at you!! Stand in the closet or something.
Sorry, Buzz Buzz. I should've known better.
Let's just get out of here and continue our journey.
Hey, don't worry about it!
We got to see Pokey get beaten, at least!
I kind of feel bad, though since his parents are so crazy...
A DUNG BEETLE... IN MY... CLEAN... HOUSE...
GURAHHH!! I'LL SMASH YOUR GUTS OUT!
I want to turn to look, but she's just too ugly.
LARDNA PUUUUUNCH!!!
LARDNA SMAAASH!!
TWA
GUH!
Stop! Buzz Buzz!!
I...Impossible...

S-She didn't!
Buzz Buzz...
How could this be happening??

SHOCK

Agh!
I was...
...much weaker than I thought...

Buzz Buzz!
Hang in there!
You can still make it!

BUZZ BUZZ!!

NOOOOOOOO!!!

Where was I...
Oh, yes, I finally remembered...
Listen to my final words...

Whew, glad he reminded me...

In order to defeat Giygas, your own power must unite with the Earth's...
The Earth will then channel your power and multiply it...

You must listen closely...
And please don't accidentally say "Yes" when I ask if I should repeat myself...
We'll have to do this whole page over again...

There are eight points that you must visit.
Make these places your own...
Each of these locations is "Your Sanctuary."

One of them is near Onett.
It is called "Giant Step."
Go there first...
Do you understand?

Giant Step...
To think, it would have a hidden power...

I get it, Buzz Buzz, so stop talking!
Save your strength!

"GASP"

Oh! The pain!
Everything is getting dark...

You are very kind, Ness...
But if is too late for me...

Before I pass on, I want to give you something...

Ness.
This is the staff of your journey.
But for me... this is the end.

Buzz Buzz.
It is time for us to go.

GET OUT OF MY FINAL SCENE! YOU HAD AN ENTIRE FLASHBACK ABOUT YOUR HAIR!

When you step outside your adventure will begin.
I leave the rest to you...

"cough"

~SOB

It is the Sound Stone.
You can record the melodies from the eight "Your Sanctuary" locations into this stone.
It is an awesome item...

farewell, Ness...
It was...
...fun...

Buzz Buzz...
I will never forget you!!

The Adventure Continues!